

Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Program Fees

When to Pay

Regional Conservation Investment Strategies (RCIS) Program fees must be paid prior to CDFW's review of the first draft submission of any RCA or RCIS. Review of any draft documents will begin on the date that both the draft document and fees have been received. In the case that the draft document and fee are submitted on different days, the review will begin on the latter of the two days.

How to Pay

RCIS Program fees may be paid by check or wire transfer. If paying by check, the check must be made out to "California Department of Fish and Wildlife" and the check may either be dropped off directly with an RCIS Program Team member or mailed to the following address:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
Attn: Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Program
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

If paying by wire transfer, contact the RCIS Program Team at rcis@wildlife.ca.gov for a payment processing form and specific instructions for submission to CDFW's License and Revenue Branch.

Fee Adjustments

Fees will be adjusted annually using the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services, as published by the United States Department of Commerce. The rate of change for the annual fee adjustment is determined by comparing the March 31 quarter end IPD index of the current year to the March 31 quarter end IPD index of the prior year. Each current fee is multiplied by the relative amount of change in the IPD index. The product is added to the fee for the

current year and then rounded to the nearest \$0.25 increment. The resulting amounts are the adjusted fees for the new calendar year, beginning January 1.

Fees may be further adjusted based on an evaluation of the actual time required by CDFW staff to review and approve RCIS Program documents.

Regional Conservation Assessment (RCA) Fees Table

Phase	2019 Fee	2020 Fee	Notes
Review and Approval	\$22,714.75	\$23,217.00	This fee includes coordination between CDFW and the applicant during document development (including meetings), as well as CDFW review time.
Resubmittal Review	Up to \$22,714.75	Up to \$23,217.00	If the submittal is not initially accepted by CDFW, it can be resubmitted after revision and CDFW may impose a fee up to \$22,714.75. Minor changes or changes mutually agreed upon as attributable to early program implementation may not be subject to any resubmittal fees.
Unsolicited Changes	Up to \$11,357.50	Up to \$11,608.75	One-time fee of up to \$11,357.50 for unsolicited changes proposed by the applicant during the review period to cover the reasonable cost of CDFW's services in reviewing a change that it determines will require additional CDFW staff time.
Data Update	--	--	Data Updates are free and CDFW encourages them by waiving a fee. However, CDFW may add a fee for Data Updates in the future, if needed. A Data Update is generally the submission of GIS data or minor changes to numbers or text in the document that require less than 2 hours of CDFW staff time.
Simple Amendment	\$7,537.25	\$7,704.00	A Simple Amendment would include small or minor changes to the document that are more than a Data Update, but that do not result in substantial changes, as determined by CDFW.

Phase	2019 Fee	2020 Fee	Notes
Complex Amendment	\$22,714.75	\$23,217.00	If the initial Simple Amendment fee was already paid and was subsequently deemed to be complex by CDFW, the additional fee would be \$15,177.50. A Complex Amendment would result in a substantial change to the document, such as the addition of an ecoregion, as determined by CDFW.
Unsolicited Changes	\$11,357.50	\$11,608.75	This is a one-time fee for unsolicited changes proposed by the applicant (that have not been solicited by CDFW) during the amendment review period to cover the reasonable cost of CDFW's services in reviewing a change that it determines will require additional CDFW staff time.

Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) Fees Table

Phase	2019 Fee	2020 Fee	Notes
Review and Approval	\$29,426.00	\$30,076.75	This fee includes coordination between CDFW and the applicant during document development (including meetings), as well as CDFW review time.
Resubmittal Review	Up to \$29,426.00	Up to \$30,076.75	If the submittal is not initially accepted by CDFW, it can be resubmitted after revision and CDFW may impose a fee up to \$29,426.00. Minor changes or changes mutually agreed upon as attributable to early program implementation may not be subject to any resubmittal fees.
Unsolicited Changes	Up to \$14,713.00	Up to \$15,038.25	One-time fee of up to \$14,713.00 for unsolicited changes proposed by the applicant during the review period to cover the reasonable cost of CDFW's services in reviewing a change that it determines will require additional CDFW staff time.

Phase	2019 Fee	2020 Fee	Notes
Data Update	--	--	Data Updates are free and CDFW encourages them by waiving a fee. However, CDFW may add a fee for Data Updates in the future, if needed. A Data Update is generally the submission of GIS data or minor changes to numbers or text in the document that require less than 2 hours of CDFW staff time.
Simple Amendment	\$9,808.75	\$10,025.75	A Simple Amendment would include small or minor changes to the document that are more than a Data Update, but that do not result in substantial changes, as determined by CDFW.
Complex Amendment	\$29,426.00	\$30,076.75	If the initial Simple Amendment fee was already paid and was subsequently deemed to be complex by CDFW, the additional fee would be \$19,617.25. A Complex Amendment would result in a substantial change to the document, such as changes to the geographic area, focal species, or other conservation elements, as determined by CDFW.
Unsolicited Changes	\$14,713.00	\$15,038.25	This is a one-time fee for unsolicited changes proposed by the applicant (that have not been solicited by CDFW) during the amendment review period to cover the reasonable cost of CDFW's services in reviewing a change that it determines will require additional CDFW staff time.

Mitigation Credit Agreement (MCA) Fees Table

CDFW is currently developing the fee structure and schedule for MCAs.